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SUBJECT: W/W PEGGY JANE RUSSBACHER AND DAUGHTER, BARBARA JO WINBURN

REF: STATE 204297; VIENNA 6774; 6601; 6576; 6575; 6541

1. APPRECIATE VERY MUCH DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS OBTAIN FUNDS AS SET FORTH REFTEL.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THIS CASE HAS CERTAIN ASPECTS WHICH REQUIRE OUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, PARTICULARLY BARBARA JO'S CONDITION.

3. MRS. RUSSBACHER HAS MADE FORMAL REQUEST FOR DERIVATIVE AUSTRIAN CITIZENSHIP AS WIFE OF AUSTRIAN CITIZEN. AUSTRIANS WILLING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BARBARA JO, PROVIDED MRS. RUSSBACHER'S APPLICATION FOR AUSTRIAN CITIZENSHIP AND REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AID GET OFF DEAD CENTER. GOA IS LOOKING TO US FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD AND WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND, NOT ONLY TO HELP OBVIOUSLY HELPLESS U.S. MINOR, BUT TO BRING TO END STRING OF BAD DEBTS AND WORSE IMPRESSIONS MRS. RUSSBACHER IS LEAVING WHICH COMPOUNDED BY EMBASSY'S INABILITY TO DO MORE THAN TREAD

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4. WE NEED ASAP ANSWERS TO STRAIGHTFORWARD INFORMATIONAL
QUESTIONS RAISED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES TO DEPARTMENT, BUT
STILL UNANSWERED:

(A) HOW CAN RUSSBACHERS OBTAIN FUNDS SUPPOSEDLY HELD
AT SEAGOVILLE?

(B) WERE RUSSBACHERS LEGALLY MARRIED ON JUNE 30, 1976?
AND

(C) ARE MRS. RUSSBACHER AND BARBARA JO AMERICAN CITIZENS,
THAT IS, CAN DEPARTMENT CONFIRM BIRTH OF SUBJECTS IN
U.S.? WE CAN BE SATISFIED OF NEITHER IDENTITY NOR CITIZENSHIP
ON BASIS OF SECONDARY AND TERTIARY
EVIDENCE AVAILABLE HERE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF POOR
TRACK RECORD.

5. WE URGENTLY NEED DEPARTMENT'S BACKSTOPPING TO RESOLVE
OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THIS CASE AND TO BLUNT CRITICISM
THAT WE ARE IMPENDING MRS. RUSSBACHER'S EXERCISE OF HER
PREROGATIVES AND FAILING TO OTHERWISE ASSIST SUBJECTS BECAUSE
WE CAN NOT BE DEFINITIVE ON QUESTIONS RAISED PARA.

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